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The County of Los Angeles and the City of Los Angeles want to ensure a premium, competitive transportation for hire system that is fair, transparent, and customer-oriented. Los Angeles is a geographically, economically and politically diverse region that is served by a variety of transportation systems. Although a substantial majority of residents and visitors rely on personal automobiles as their primary mode of transportation, a significant portion of the populace depends on public transportation. Another relevant and increasingly important transportation option is the transportation for hire system that includes taxi cabs, limousines and shuttle services. Although these services are privately owned and operated, they constitute an integral part of the regional transportation system. As seen in other metropolitan areas, an effective transportation for hire system also benefits a region in terms of tourism, business, and resident satisfaction.

One of the difficulties in improving the system lies in the lack of intergovernmental coordination amongst jurisdictions. Currently, each city in the County of Los Angeles is responsible for setting regulations for taxi cabs, as is the County itself in the unincorporated areas; while the state Public Utilities Commission regulates limousines and shuttle services.

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The County and the City should address this issue by asking the Los Angeles County Commission on Local Governmental Services to form and manage a Task Force on Transportation for Hire Services. The Commission on Local Governmental Services is an appropriate entity to conduct this study as its mission is “to examine intergovernmental jurisdictional alternatives for the delivery of public services to the Los Angeles County Area with the goal of providing better, more responsive and/or cost effective delivery of those services to the public.”

The purpose of the Task Force will be to examine the current transportation for hire system in Los Angeles County as it relates to the region’s overall transportation goals. The Task Force will focus on the challenges posed by the current regulatory environment and will examine opportunities for increased coordination across jurisdictions to enhance the safety, reliability, and effective licensing and regulation of the industry; with an overall goal of improving mobility for residents, businesspeople and visitors to the Los Angeles area.

To accomplish this goal, the Commission will convene a task force comprised of Commission members as well as representatives from the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles, the League of Cities (Los Angeles Chapter), other governmental agencies with statutory responsibilities for the transportation for hire industry, and others with subject matter expertise as appropriate. The Task Force will conduct the research and testimony-gathering necessary to conduct a fair and thorough review. The Task Force will report its findings and recommendations through the Commission to the Board of Supervisors, the City Council, and other local and state agencies, as appropriate, for further review and action.

To facilitate the work of the Task Force, the County and City will provide in-kind, administrative support. The Commission may seek and accept grants to support the Task Force's study. Any interns retained by the Task Force to work on the study will be housed and supervised within the Executive Office of the County Board of Supervisors.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors in cooperation with the Los Angeles City Council direct the Commission on Local Governmental Services to form the Los Angeles County Regional Transportation for Hire Task Force from among its members and ex-officio members representing the County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles, and the League of Cities (Los Angeles Chapter), and such other experts as the Commission deems necessary. The purpose of the Task Force will be to review the regulatory environment as it pertains to the region's transportation for hire industry and to examine opportunities for increased coordination across jurisdictions to enhance the safety, reliability, and effective licensing and regulation of the industry; with an overall goal of improving mobility for residents, businesspeople and visitors to the Los Angeles area.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Task Force be instructed to report its findings and recommendations through the Commission to the Board of Supervisors, City Council, and other agencies as appropriate according to a time schedule to be established by the Commission within three months of the approval of this motion; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors be instructed to provide in-kind administrative support to the Task Force, and to house and supervise any interns retained for the purpose of supporting the Task Force efforts; and that the Commission be authorized to accept grants to support the conduct of the study.